

THE WEATHER
Washington, Jan. 27.—Unsettled and warmer today; probable rain tomorrow.
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WANAMAKER PARTY MISSING IN AIRBOAT AT SEA OFF FLORIDA

Rodman 2d, Son of Mrs. Archibald Thomson, and Gurnee Munn, Jr., Among Lost

LEFT BAHAMA ISLANDS AT 3 P. M. YESTERDAY

It is Believed They Had Engine Trouble and May Be Riding Choppy Seas

Somewhere in the sea between Palm Beach, Fla., and the Bahama Islands is a lost seaplane carrying Rodman Wanamaker, 2d, son of Mrs. Archibald Thomson, of this city; Jack Rutherford, of New York; C. E. Bragg, of New York, and Gurnee Munn, Jr., of this city, with Dave McCullough as pilot.

The party is believed to have been forced to alight on the ocean, through engine trouble, and now to be trying to weather the very choppy seas, with a stiff motor. They left Palm Beach to fish at West End, an inlet of the Bahama Islands. They left there at 3 p. m. yesterday, and have not been seen or heard of since.

Rescue ships and seaplanes are scouring the ocean for them.

Chief Webster left early this morning in a small seaplane to take part in the search. He arrived at the Bahamas and was told of the departure of the lost plane at 3 o'clock sharp, right on schedule time.

No trace of the party has been found since. Every air station on the Florida coast is sending out parties. The missing plane belonged to the Transoceanic Co., of West Palm Beach.

Gurnee Munn in June, 1915, married Miss Marie Louise Wanamaker, a granddaughter of John Wanamaker, and daughter of Rodman Wanamaker by a first marriage. Mr. Munn is the second son of the late Charles A. Munn, of Washington, D. C.

Through his mother, who was Miss Carrie L. Gurnee, Mr. Munn is related to the family of Walter S. Gurnee of this city. He was graduated from Harvard in 1911, and belongs to the Metropolitan and Chevy Chase clubs of Washington.

His elder brother, Charles A. Munn, married Miss Mary Astor Paul of Philadelphia.

CAR JOLTS; WOMAN HURT

Trolley Jumps Switch, Throwing Her to the Ground

Mrs. Katherine Gibson, thirty-seven years old, 1332 Webster street, narrowly escaped death this morning when a trolley from which she was alighting jumped a switch and threw her to the ground.

Mrs. Gibson started to get off a trolley car at Pleasant street and Erie avenue. The car, because of the icy rails, began to move and the front truck jumped the switch at the corner of Broad street, throwing herself forward when she was thrown from the car.

She was taken to the Samaritan hospital where examination showed that she had suffered a dislocated shoulder and body bruises.

\$150,000 FIRE AT ERIE

Garage and Eighty-five Autos Destroyed and Two Firemen Injured

Erie, Pa., Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—A fire which started in an automobile garage today spread to the United States Garage, in the city. The loss was estimated at \$150,000.

WORST STORM IN 18 YEARS

New York Transportation Tied Up Scores Hurt by Falls

New York, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—A film of ice covered the city today, glazing rails, streets and sidewalks, derailing traffic on all electric lines and causing tens of thousands to be late for work. Railway officials said it was the worst storm of the kind since 1902.

Scores of persons were injured by falls on slippery sidewalks. Long processions of pedestrians, forced to walk because the storm had tied up the transportation systems, foretook the walks and took to the streets.

A series of minor fires resulted on the elevated lines early today when the contact iron met the ice on the third rail and showered sparks on the cars and platforms.

400 KANSAS MINERS ABANDON STRIKE

Resumes Work and Law They Protested Against Gets Tryout

Pittsburg, Kan., Jan. 27.—Four hundred miners who went on strike yesterday as a protest against the new Industrial Court law were back in the pits today.

Seven of their number were appearing as witnesses before Attorney General Richard J. Hopkins, who, making the first application of the law to a strike, was examining into the reasons of the walkout. The examination was not public.

MURDERERS TO DIE FEB. 16

Governor Fixes Date for Coles and Morrison, of This City

Governor Sprout today fixed the date of February 16 for the electrocution of Samuel Coles and John Morrison, both of Philadelphia, and both convicted of murder.

Coles, who is twenty-two years old, was convicted of the murder of George Williams, city detective, whom he shot in a saloon at Sixteenth and South streets, January 9, 1918. Coles and three others had held up the saloon, it was charged, and the detective was shot as he tried to arrest the men.

Sentence was imposed by Judge Monaghan, March 26, of last year. Morrison was sentenced by Judge Monaghan on May 15, of last year. Morrison is twenty-four years old, and was convicted in January of last year of murder in the first degree. He murdered Charles Martin, of 365 North Eleventh street, Morrison, with his brothers, Edward and James, on April 9, 1918, attempted to rob the jewelry store at 1108 Girard street. Morrison was shot and killed by Martin, who was on his way home from work.

IT WAS FIRE, NOT BURGLARS

Investigation of Crackling Sound Showed Blaze in Home

It was fire, and not burglars, that aroused Mrs. Rose Rosenthal at 2 o'clock this morning as she and her husband, H. Rosenthal, slept on the third floor of their store and dwelling at 2510 Kensington avenue.

"Burglars," whispered Mrs. Rosenthal to her husband. She had heard a crackling sound on the second floor. Rosenthal jumped from bed, but his wife forbade him to descend to the lower floor.

Meanwhile, Patrolman Rascher, of the Fourth and York streets station, saw smoke coming from a second-story window. Firemen found boxes ablaze in the second floor front room, used to store candy. The blaze was extinguished easily. The damage was estimated at \$500.

JUGO-SLAVS GIVE IN

Decide to Accept Allied Ultimatum on Adriatic Controversy

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—A Belgrade dispatch says that the Jugo-Slav Government has decided to accept the Allied ultimatum with regard to settlement of the Adriatic controversy.

The decision to accept the ultimatum was reached by a small majority and after long discussion, the dispatch adds. The Jugo-Slav reply will be sent to Paris within forty-eight hours.

The allied ultimatum to Jugo-Slavs demanded that the government at Belgrade decide without delay upon what it wanted to do and to give a categorical answer by "yes" or "no" to the compromise offered by the Italians for solution of the Adriatic question.

A Paris dispatch Monday said that one of the forty envoys, died of heart disease this morning as he was boarding a train at the Broadway Station, Camden. He was on his way to work at the Erie railroad.

He fell as he was boarding the train, was taken to the Cooper Hospital and later to his home. He for many years had the New York run out of Broad Street Station, and was widely known among railroad men both in this city and Camden. He is survived by his widow and one child.

FASHIONS FROM MARS

POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE Mysterious Signals From Other Worlds Disturb Marconi's Wireless, Also His Cosmic Consciousness

Perhaps the newspapers in a year or two will print advertisements something like this:

Latest Modes From Mars! Midway's apparel nowadays, to be the absolute dernier cri, must be attuned to the cosmic consciousness. Venus girdles, all the rage this fall, are yielding in popularity to the new crimson pepum of the Martians.

No other store has this advanced showing of pepums, as designed by Fovelle Linguis, the Martian modistes of the millennium!

DEATH PENALTY WILL BE ASKED FOR BERGDOLL

Prosecution Will Charge Slacker With Desertion in Time of War

Major William F. Kelly, judge advocate, announced today he will ask for the death penalty when Bergdoll faces the board of army officers after two years of ignominious flight.

COURT-MARTIAL BEGINS FRIDAY; MAY LAST 3 DAYS

Millionaire Draft Dodger to Contend He Was Only Absent Without Leave

Desertion in time of war, with death as the maximum penalty, will be the charge pressed against Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, slacker extraordinary, at his court-martial on Governor's Island, New York, on Friday.

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The court-martial is to begin at 11 a. m. Friday and will continue for two or three days, depending on the nature of Bergdoll's defense. It is said the one-time speed fiend will contend he was not a deserter, but that he was simply absent without leave.

Brother at Liberty Bergdoll, after sitting about the country for more than two years, was captured here recently in a dramatic raid on the home of Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, his mother. His brother, Edwin F. Bergdoll, also a draft dodger, is still at liberty.

The slacker's duties as a clerk at Castle William, the military prison on Governor's Island, were interrupted this morning by a visit from Mrs. Bergdoll. He assumed a carefree air of confidence during his talk with his mother.

Bergdoll will be defended by Captain Bruce R. Campbell, of the office assigned for that task. It was reported Mrs. Bergdoll had engaged several lawyers in this city to aid the defense. She refused to comment on the report today.

The prosecution is believed to have lost a good witness through the deportation of Alice M. Palos, reported to be a massenes, whom the government appointed to succeed the late Mrs. Bergdoll. Mrs. Palos was said to have acted as a go-between for the Bergdoll draft dodgers. It was said she took \$28,000 to them in South America.

Going to Push Case Grover Bergdoll has denied he ever was in South America during the long months he was a man without content. The prosecution remained mute upon questioning by immigration officials when she was arrested in New York some months ago.

While Mrs. Kelly declared today he would press for the death penalty, he admitted the chances for his infiction were infinitesimal.

He said he tried to try this man for desertion in time of war. "The maximum penalty on conviction for that offense is death. I am going to try to get a conviction, as I believe it to be one of the most flagrant ever committed. I intend to ask for the maximum punishment for this man."

Bergdoll's military judges, who formed the court-martial are Colonel William H. Allaire, Colonel William T. Wilder, Colonel Samuel C. Jones, Colonel John S. Sentiment, Colonel Robert S. Knox, Major William Carlton and Major Robert G. Rutherford, Jr.

WANT U. S. TO HOLD ROADS

Labor and Farmers' Representatives Again Appeal to President

Washington, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—Continuance of government control of the railroads for at least two years was asked of President Wilson again today by representatives of farmers' organizations, the American Federation of Labor and the four big brotherhoods.

The National Farmers' Government operation, the letter said, has increased during the six weeks since the first request was made. "Until we can accurately state that this is the preponderant desire to the farmers and of organized labor forces of most of the states of the Union."

Edwin Thomas Meredith was born in 1876. He completed his grade and high school course at the age of 17 years and attended Highland Park College at Des Moines, in years '95-'94.

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POWHATAN NEARS PORT

Disabled Transport, in Tow, Approaches Halifax Harbor

SIMS IS ATTACKED IN HARSHTEST WORDS ON FLOOR OF HOUSE

Deserves Dishonorable Discharge From Navy, Southern Congressman Says

CHEERS AND APPLAUSE GREET BITTER TIRADE

Admiral Called "Pro-British." Statements Endangered Peace, Is Assertion

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 27.—Rear Admiral Sims, a leading figure in the naval decorations controversy and in the pending Senate investigation of the navy's conduct of the war, was vigorously attacked today in the House by Representative Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina.

Would Dishonor Sims Declaring that if the admiral was admonished by a high naval official not to let the British "pull the wool" over his eyes as he testified recently before the Senate naval decorations committee he violated a confidence in making the instructions public, Representative Byrnes said he deserved "the condemnation of every American and a dishonorable discharge from the navy."

Characterizing Admiral Sims as "a hyphenated politician," Byrnes charged that when serving as commander of American naval forces in European waters during the war he had "libeled the army and deprecated the work of the United States Navy."

Democratic members frequently interrupted Representative Byrnes with applause and when he concluded Democratic members rose, cheering and clapping their hands.

Calls Admiral Pro-British Representative Husted, Republican, New York, referring to Byrnes' assertion that Sims possibly should be "dishonorably discharged," asked whether the officer who admonished him "not to let the British pull the wool over his eyes" ought not to be removed from the committee to which the admiral's disclosures were referred.

He added that the admiral's disclosures were "a disgrace to the country." Representative Hicks, Republican, New York, remarked that it "unhappily had disturbed" the peace of the Democratic party.

A list of 114 naval officers designated by Secretary Daniels to receive war service decorations without action by the Senate was transmitted by the secretary today to Chairman Hale of the Senate naval affairs subcommittee, which is investigating the whole subject of naval awards. It supplements a list of 62 naval officers sent to the committee yesterday.

The list of officers showed eight Distinguished Service Medals were awarded by the secretary on his own initiative.

Of the 106 navy crosses, ninety were awarded to officers who served with the United States Navy during the war, and the remaining ten were awarded to transport commanders, submarine destroyers and aviation officers.

Daniels Appears Friday Secretary Daniels will appear before the committee today to answer a query in the decoration awards he resumed, the date having been changed from Thursday at the secretary's request.

Senate Democrats succeeded again today in blocking efforts of Chairman Hale of the committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war to bring to a vote a resolution authorizing the committee to employ counsel. Senator Hale indicated that he would continue his efforts to have the resolution taken from the calendar.

BERLIN AGAIN APPEALS

Asks Allies to Renounce Plan to Punish Accused Germans

Paris, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—The German Government has sent a note to Paris trying once more to induce the Allies to renounce execution of Article 230 of the Versailles treaty.

The article deals with the surrender of persons accused of acts in violation of the laws and customs of war.

SAVES BLAZING 'GAS' TRUCK

Patrolman Sees Danger and Acts Promptly

Prompt action by Patrolman Charles Raiger, of the Park and Lehigh avenue station, saved a gasoline-loaded motor-truck from probable destruction at Glenwood avenue and Mervine street today.

The truck, a gasoline delivery wagon of the Atlantic Refining Co., was ignited by a backfire from the motor. Raiger saw it almost instantaneously. He grabbed a bucket of sand from a passing trolley car and extinguished the flames before H. Wenzler, the driver, knew of its existence.

Brakeman Sues P. R. R. for \$25,000

Thomas C. Welsh, 403 Stevenson street, Camden, has filed suit for \$25,000 against the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Veteran Dies as He Places Wedding Ring on Fiancee

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HOUSTON TO GET TREASURY POST

E. T. Meredith, of Iowa, Will Become Secretary of Agriculture in Cabinet Shift

NAMES WILL GO IN TODAY

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 27.—Dr. David T. Houston, secretary of agriculture, will be named by President Wilson secretary of the treasury to succeed Carter Glass, who has accepted an appointment to the United States Senate from Virginia.

Edwin T. Meredith, of Iowa, editor of Successful Farming, has been chosen for the portfolio held by Doctor Houston for the last seven years. Mr. Meredith, who is at Miami, Fla., telegraphed the White House today accepting the office.

President Wilson was expected to send the nominations of both Mr. Houston and Mr. Meredith to the Senate today. As soon as Secretary Houston qualifies Mr. Glass will take his seat in the Senate to succeed the late Senator McAdoo.

David Franklin Houston was born in Union county, North Carolina, fifty-four years ago. His boyhood was spent on a farm in Darlington county, South Carolina, where he remained until he was eighteen years old. He worked his way through South Carolina College, and then went to Harvard, where he specialized on economics. Next he taught political science in the University of Texas.

In 1902 Mr. Houston became president of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan. Three years later he was made president of the State University at Austin. In 1908, on the recommendation of President Eliot, he was called to Washington to head the United States Department of Agriculture.

Where he established a medical school which is rapidly taking first rank. His standing in the agricultural world is of broad sympathies has been recognized in many ways.

During the seven years Mr. Houston has been secretary of agriculture, he has steadfastly insisted on the integrity and its service to the country. Silent, efficient, not given to talking about what he has done or is doing, he has gone along mulling over his work, and he set for himself, without permitting any attacks from disgruntled and disappointed persons to turn him aside. There have been many of these, but President Wilson has had faith in Houston, and has upheld him in every instance.

His appointment to the office vacated by Carter Glass, who is somewhat of a surprise to most people, but the President feels that he will be a valuable asset in his new position.

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MORTON CONCERN IN BANKRUPTCY

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 27.—Morton Steel Castings Corporation, of Morton, Pa., a Delaware corporation, today filed voluntary bankruptcy petition in Federal Court here, with liabilities of \$337,739 and assets of \$100,000.

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RUMANIA'S CEREAL CROP OUTLOOK GOOD

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Considerable improvement in the agricultural situation of Rumania indicates that a large quantity of cereals will be available for export as soon as the new crops have been harvested, according to advices from Bucharest.

MAYOR ASKS DELAY OF SMALL BRIDGES CONTRACT SIGNED

Urges Council to Divert Funds to Big Project and Raise Fund to \$600,000

WANTS NURSE PAY RAISED

Four constructive measures of immediate necessity were requested today by Mayor Moore in his message to Council.

In order that the appropriation for the new South street bridge might be increased from \$400,000 to \$470,000, thus providing for a better and more ornate structure the Mayor asked that four other bridge projects be dropped for the present.

The Mayor called into conference Mr. Llewellyn and William S. Twining, director of city transit. The chief executive was assured by the company manager that deliveries of materials would begin at once and would proceed as rapidly as manufacturing conditions would permit.

"I was assured that the laying of rails would start no later than April 1, and that it would be completed by July 1," Mr. Moore stated after the conference.

The rails are to be laid from Callowhill street north along Front street, Kensington avenue and Frankford avenue to Harrison street, Frankford. The latter street is within a few blocks of Bridge street, where the surface car-norm of the Rapid Transit Co. is located.

Signing of the contract puts in motion final steps toward placing the \$11,000,000 line on an operating basis. It was not indicated today when the "L" from Callowhill street south would be linked with the Market street elevated. That project is understood to depend on an agreement to be reached between the city and the Rapid Transit Co.

Recent conference between the Mayor, Thomas E. Mitchell, president of the transit company, and E. W. Stokes, superintendent of the Rapid Transit Co., the financial power and chairman of the company's board of directors, indicate city and company officials are trying the groundwork, possibly for an operating agreement.

BRITISH MAJOR COMES TO AMERICA ON "BUSINESS TRIP"

New York, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—Major Richard Lloyd George, son of the British premier, arrived here today on the steamship Mauretania from Southampton and Cherbourg, and chairman of the company's board of directors, indicate city and company officials are trying the groundwork, possibly for an operating agreement.

The major, who was accompanied by his wife, said he was on a "business trip" to America.

BREAK ON TREATY AVERTED; TO KEEP UP CONFERENCES

Bipartisan Session Adjourns Until Thursday After Hitchcock Outlines Party's Stand

EACH SIDE STAYS FIRM ON ARTICLE TEN STAND

Democratic Reservation Would Merely Remove Obligation for Military Aid

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, Jan. 27.—The treaty conference between the Republicans and the Democrats did not break today. It adjourned over till Thursday.

Senator Hitchcock, after a consultation with Democratic senators, went into conference with Senator Lodge and his Republican senators prepared to break.

The Democratic senators had drawn up a statement of the circumstances under which they had begun to confer with the Republicans, including a draft of the Article X reservation, which had been prepared partly by the Democrats and partly by the mild reservationist Republicans.

The Republicans objected to it as a statement of facts and after some modifications it was given out by Mr. Hitchcock.

Senator Hitchcock's statement follows: The Democratic members of this conference have considered the announcement made by Senator Lodge that he and his associates are not willing to consider any compromise on the Article X reservation concerning Article X nor on that relating to the Monroe Doctrine.

In reply we desire to say that we are not prepared to make any compromise without any reservations or restrictions in the hope that we could compromise differences not only on Article X, but on all other reservations concerning Article X or on that relating to the Monroe Doctrine.

The unexpected interruption of the conference and the refusal to consider any compromise on Article X is all the more surprising because it seemed from expressions on both sides of the table that we were close to a possible compromise on this very important reservation by means of the following draft prepared by several senators and already assented to by most members of the conference on both sides of the table before the interruption.

No Military Obligation The United States assumes no obligation to employ its military or naval forces or the economic boycott to preserve the territorial integrity or political independence of any other country under the provisions of Article X, or to employ the military or naval forces of the United States under any article of the treaty for any purpose, unless such military or naval forces are authorized by the Congress, which, under the constitution, has the sole power to declare war or authorize the employment of the military or naval forces of the United States, shall by act or joint resolution be deemed to impair the obligation in Article XI concerning the economic boycott.

Senator Hitchcock prior to the conference communicated with the White House, but no information of any principle concerning the President's advice.

Mr. Hitchcock's Democratic associates, Senators Taft and McKellar, objected to breaking the conference on the ground that taking the treaty back upon the floor of the senate would lose a flood of speeches and delay a decision.

To Reconcile Thursday The Republicans, especially such moderate ones as Senator Lodge, were more anxious than the more moderate Democrats to see the present efforts to reach an agreement abandoned and so it was decided to meet again Thursday.

The real sticking point was to be whether or not the United States shall assume any obligations under Article X. Mr. Lodge is insisting that the United States shall assume no obligations under this famous section of the covenant. That is what he means when he says that he will insist nothing in principle or substance from the article as adopted.

The mild reservationist Republicans talk of compromising the language of this reservation by insisting on its substance. Mr. Lodge privately talks the same language, but it is not clear that they understand it in the same way.

See Treaty Devitalized The Democrats have talked as if they would accept a reservation which would affect the principle of Article X. But the proposed reservation of Mr. Hitchcock limits the refusal to assume obligations to the duty of using its military and naval forces under the provisions of the treaty.

This issue is important to the friends and to the foes of the treaty. In the opinion of President Wilson's supporters the refusal to assume obligations to use its military and naval forces under the provisions of the treaty is a serious matter.

Johnson group are of this opinion also. If Mr. Lodge adheres to his position it is